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SUBJ: JULY 20 MEDIA REACTION TO CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS

1. TODAY'S (JULY 21) TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS QUOTES UNDERSECRETARY SISCO AS STATING TO REPORTERS "PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS A CEASEFIRE" ON CYPRUS. 1000 NEWS CARRIES STATEMENT BY PRIMIN ECEVIT THAT US HAS ISSUED STATEMENT ON A CEASEFIRE AND "WE ARE DISCUSSING THIS. AN EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION IS BEING MADE AT THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF(TGS)."

2. 0730 AND 0900 RADIO REPORTS THAT GREEK CONTINGENT ON CYPRUS ATTACKED A TURK REGIMENT EVENING OF JULY 20, AND THAT LATTER IS COUNTER-ATTACKING. ACCORDING TO 1000 BROADCAST, ECEVIT STATED THAT TURKISH AIR FORCE, WHILE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID HARM TO ISLAND'S CIVILIAN POPULATION, HAD "TAKEN MEASURES" TO STOP "BRUTUAL ACTIVITIES" BY CERTAIN GREEKS AGAINST TURKS IN SCATTERED AREAS OF CYPRUS.

3. NEWS REPORTS NOTED THAT PARLIAMENT DURING JULY 20 JOINT SESSION GAVE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO SEND TURKISH TROOPS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES. PARLIAMENT ALSO APPROVED CABINET DECISION TO IMPOSE MARTIAL LAW IN 14 PROVINCES FOR ONE MONTH.

4. JULY 21 EDITORIALS GENERALLY PRAISE GOT MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS AND CONDEMN GREEK REGIME. LITTLE COMMENTARY YET ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO'S VISITS TO ANKARA OR ALLEGED ATROCITIES AGAINST TURK CYPRIOTS. LITTLE MENTION OF GENERAL US POLICY TOWARDS CYPRUS: ONE PAPER STATES THAT US WISELY ABANDONED ITS POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR GREECE WHEN TURKEY INTERVENED, WHILE ANOTHER EXPRESSES SUSPICION OF US COMPLICITY IN GREEK COUP AND STATES THAT SOLUTION WILL DEPEND ON US ATTITUDE.
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